

# IDECO HALTS WORK

## Relocate Plant in Beaumont, Texas

Only a skeleton crew will remain at the International Derrick and Equipment Company by the end of this month, it was reported today.

Formerly staffed by 400 workers, the huge plant is being reduced to minimum operation as IDECO moves the bulk of its manufacturing to its Beaumont, Texas plant.

Officials of the firm disclosed the Torrance installation will be used for maintenance and service of IDECO oil well drilling and rigging equipment that is currently in use in the field.

The factory, located on Carson St., is reportedly for sale. Bids on the plant have been received from such firms as National Supply Co., and other Torrance industries, it has been stated.

No official statement has been made by the firm as to why the local plant has been closed, but it has been rumored that the plant is too small to house expanding equipment and operations.

## Ed Brown Joins Daily Star Journal

Joseph E. Flaherty, publisher of the Compton Daily Star Journal, announced this week that Edwin B. Brown, a partner in the Torrance Herald and formerly active in its operation, has acquired a substantial interest in the Compton newspaper and will take an active part in its management as copublisher.

Brown will continue his present partnership interest in the Torrance Herald which he has served as business manager for the last eight years and as director of the Graphic Newspapers in Long Beach. However, his entire time will be devoted to his new interest in Compton, it was revealed.

Brown separated from the Torrance Herald suddenly and summarily last June. He subsequently filed suit against his partner, Grover Whyte.

A director and past president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Brown is a past president of the statewide California Newspaper Advertising Manager's Association.

## Sure Fire

That is the kind of results Mrs. W. R. Campbell of 2211 Arlington Ave. got when she ran a Torrance Press Classified Ad for a housekeeper.

She started getting calls at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, and the calls didn't stop until late evening.

They were "terrific," she said. Here is the small, inexpensive Press Classified that netted dozens of replies for Mrs. Campbell:

General housework, three days a week. Call Mrs. Campbell, Torrance 102.

Need an employee? Want a job? Whatever your problem, you'll find the answer through the Torrance Press Classifieds. Call Torrance 1185.

## Slate Meet of Homeowners

Recent action by the City Council in reference to sewers in the Hollywood Riviera area will be the topic of discussion when the regular monthly meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association convenes next Monday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m., according to D. R. Whitney, president of the group.



WINNERS—Top place honors in the Torrance Annual Soap Box Derby went to Dennis Silveira (left), first prize winner; William Butcher (second from left), who copped second place, and Tommy Holmes. He came in third in the showings. Derby was held Saturday afternoon, under the sponsorship of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

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## CHICKENS or CHILDREN?

The relative importance of chickens and children to the City of Torrance came in for some discussion at a recent meeting of the Planning Commission and the chickens seem to have won out.

## Mock Raid Test This Morning

The efficiency and completeness of coverage of existing air raid warning facilities in this city will be tested this morning at 9:31 a.m., according to George Powell, assistant director of civil defense. The three-fold purpose of the dry-run test is to determine siren coverage and public reaction, and to give city agencies, such as police and fire departments, an opportunity to test their method of operation in a raid. The air raid test will last only four minutes. Powell disclosed that he expects only about 35 per cent coverage with the sirens now in operation. It is anticipated that interest will be rekindled in Vic Chatten's multiple mortar aerial bomb warning device after today's test is run. Chatten stated that his warning apparatus, which has been widely hailed, is still available to the city at discount price, and that he will make tests run for the City Council as it can be arranged. Sirens to be used in this morning's test are located at the three Torrance fire stations, the Naval Supply Depot, Columbia Steel, GP, Harvey Machine, National Supply, and General Electric Products, Powell revealed.



AIR CORPS BOUND—Shown packing before he left yesterday for Parks Air Force Base near San Francisco, is Jay R. Stroh, son of Police Chief John R. Stroh. Jay, who is a Torrance High graduate, is on leave from his post as deputy sheriff at the Firestone Sheriff's Station.

## Set Goal of \$12,864 In Red Feather Drive

Torrance has set its sights on raising \$12,864 for the 1952 Community Chest campaign, it was revealed yesterday by City Chairman Don Armstrong.

The campaign, which will be in full swing soon, will seek to raise \$411 more than the \$12,453 raised here last year, Armstrong indicated.

The Torrance quota is a part of both the \$8 million that must be raised in the entire Los Angeles area and the Harbor area's \$75,000 quota. The overall Los Angeles quota of \$8 million represents the minimum amount that must be raised to keep the Chest's 160 agencies operating for another year. Local industrial firms with less than 200 employees will be handled by local volunteers under the direction of Ed Karlow. The business division is being directed by Edward Raphael and Paul Diamond. Mrs. Edward Schwartz heads the residential workers, and George Powell is public employees chairman.

Torrance's campaign this year will be broken down into five phases. Two of these—advance gifts and commerce and industry—are already at work. The remaining three—public employees, residential, and business—will be in action soon.

An additional quota of \$13,995 has been set as the quota for major industrial firms and corporations in the Torrance area. However, this amount will be solicited from the firms with 200 or more employees by a central group of volunteers working out of Los Angeles. The money will be credited to Torrance at the end of the campaign, but will have no bearing on the local quota, Armstrong said.

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## Plans Made For Annual Police Show

Preparations for the 15th Annual Torrance Police Vaudeville Show began in earnest this week, as Sgt. Bill Evans returned to the force after a seven-week sick leave to take up the reins.

The show, slated for November 1, will be held in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

Proceeds from the event, sponsored by the Police Officers Association, will be used to finance the Torrance Auxiliary Police, according to Officer Gus Rethwick, who is assisting Evans with the plans for the program.

Evans disclosed that the program will, as in the past, be put on by a group of professional vaudeville actors and actresses, and promises to be a "first-rate" production.

## SLATE TEA FOR CECIL KING HERE

Congressman Cecil R. King will be honored guest at a tea slated for next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 2467 Carson St.

King, who seeks re-election to Congress from the 17th District, will have an opportunity to meet both Democratic and Republican supporters at the affair, Democratic leaders report.

Mrs. Schwartz is chairman of the Democratic Central Committee for Los Angeles County.

## Ed Robinson Jr. in Harbor City Accident

Edward G. Robinson Jr., 19, son of the stage and screen star, received minor injuries early yesterday when his auto slammed into a parked car at Pacific Coast Highway and Vermont Ave., Harbor City.

His companion, Wally Zurlinden, 21, of 866 N. Doheny Drive, Beverly Hills, also was hurt.

Young Robinson was given two sobriety tests and passed both. After treatment at Wilmington Receiving Hospital, Robinson and Zurlinden were sent home in a taxi. Robinson listed his address at 2104 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

He told police that he and Zurlinden were en route to Mexico when the accident occurred.

## Local Businessmen Join Get-Out-the-Vote Drive

Because the right to vote by secret ballot is so important in the fight to preserve the freedom that our American democracy is based upon, and because only 51 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls in the last national election, the Torrance Press is this year running a full page of advertising urging voters to exercise this right.

Scores of local merchants and business and professional people have pledged themselves to aid in this campaign, and get behind the drive being conducted to make this year's voting turn-out the greatest in the history of Torrance.



TORRANCE HIGH SENIOR—Mary Lou Hutchison gets comic reprieve from Keystone Cop Bob Haggard in "Syncoated Circus," which has its premiere performance during a three-day run at Torrance High School Auditorium beginning tonight.

## Chamber Sets Up Master Calendar of Civic Events

A master calendar to co-ordinate civic and social events in Torrance is being set up by the Chamber of Commerce, Dale Isenberg, executive secretary announced today.

Often in the past, Isenberg said, two or more important events have been scheduled for the same day and hour, with the result that neither was accorded the attendance or prominence it rightly deserved.

Now, however, civic clubs, church organizations, welfare groups, etc., will be asked to clear meetings and other events through the Chamber. A glance at the master calendar will indicate whether another event is scheduled at the same time. If so, a second glance at the calendar will suffice to find a less conflicting meeting date.

The Chamber has mailed out details of the new master calendar to most of the organizations in Torrance, and so far the response has been gratifying, Isenberg said.

He added that the plan should give the city a high plateau of activities to look forward to all year long, instead of the peak and depression of conflicting events that was all too familiar in the past.

## Deliver New Phone Directory This Week

Delivery of more than 57,000 copies of the new telephone directory for San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Lomita and Torrance is scheduled for this week, according to A. B. Smith, manager of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Increased Phones  
Containing 278,000 alphabetical listings, the new book of numbers reflects the accelerated telephone growth here by showing an increase of 40,000 listings over the October, 1951 directory. From the time of distribution of the old book until the new edition was published, 1,500 telephones have been added in the Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington and Torrance exchanges, the manager said.

Total number of pages of the new gray-covered directory, which will be in service for 12 months, has jumped to 1,280 for an increase of 128 over last year's issue.

The manager again reminded subscribers to shake out their old books before turning them in to the directory deliveryman and to use the new book when placing calls. In the past, he said, many valuables have been found among the pages of the old directories.

## Youth Hurt in Fall From Auto

Condition of 15-year-old Lyle R. Devore, who was injured when he fell from a moving auto last week, was reported good by authorities at Harbor General Hospital today.

Devore's home is at 21429 Hall-dale Ave.



SHRINERS—Among the prominent local residents present last Friday night for the El Toga Shrine Club installation dinner-dance were (left to right): City Judge Otto Willett, Grand Potentate Charles T. Reichert, Glenn Pearce, and Al Gianni.